

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Motor Vehicle Equipment
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report¹

Date this report was prepared: 03/09/01

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable):
No 99E-039

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer/brand name/trademark owner of the recalled item of equipment. If the recalled item of equipment is imported, provide the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the designated U.S. agent as prescribed by section 110(e) of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

American Products, Co.

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

Patrick Judge, Executive Vice President

Telephone Number: 570-655-4514

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Patrick Judge, Executive Vice President

Signed: _____

¹Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, for each defect or noncompliance condition in his vehicles which relate to motor vehicle safety.

This is a para-phrased guide developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. Jon White at (202) 366-5227.

I. Identify the Recalled Items of Equipment

2. Identify the Items of Equipment Involved in this Recall, for each make and model or applicable item of equipment product line (provide illustrations/photographs as necessary to describe the item of equipment), furnish:

Generic name of item: Cleartail Lights - List of APC products listed on

Make: _____ Model: December 12, 2000 response.

Part Number: _____ Size: _____

Function: _____

Model Years Involved: _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Other descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Generic name of item: _____

Make: _____ Model: _____

Part Number: _____ Size: _____

Function: _____

Model Years Involved: _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Other descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1993, through April 1, 1993, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period.

N/A

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of items of equipment recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

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Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: As per report furnished December 12, 2000.

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance.

100%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the inclusive dates of manufacture.

From purchase/sale records.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should include address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

Cleartail lights did not comply with all functions required by FMUSS108.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Design defect.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Recall

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

None.

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

American Products, Co.
252 Granite Street
Corona, CA 91719

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

Brian Horowitz

IV. Identify the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims. None

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

N/A

V. Describe the Remedy

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

To replace with compliant product or refund purchase.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

Product was discontinued.

VI. Identify Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

Recall could begin May 1, 2001.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. A DRAFT copy of the notification documents SHOULD BE submitted to this office by telefax (FAX: 202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements.

10. For recalled equipment sold to vehicle manufacturers as original equipment, identify each vehicle manufacturer by corporate name, address, volume of product sold, and inclusive shipping dates for the recalled product.

LIST OF APC PRODUCTS FROM KEYSTONE'S DECEMBER 12, 2001, RESPONSE.

MC 3/21/01

OIE-012 (07)

Qty	Part #	Application
19	404045TL	Honda Accord 1988-2000 (2 Door Only) Clear Tail Lens 3 Piece Set
0	404000TL	BMW 3Series/2dr, 82-87
11	404001TL	BMW 3Series/4dr, 82-87
80	404005TL	ACURA Integra 2dr, 94-98
43	404009TL	Chevy/Silverado & GMC/Blimp 1999-2000 (Stepside) Clear Tail Lens
312	404010TL	CHEVY/GMC Sub/Tahoe, 88-98
180	404011TL	CHEVY S-10/Blazer, 82-93, 2pc
218	404012TL	CHEVY S-10/Blazer, 94-2000
57	404013TL	CHEVY Astro/Blazer, 85-2000
17	404014TL	Chevy Caprice 8dr/Impala SS, 92-97
84	404015TL	CHEVY S-10/Blazer, 94-2000
31	404017TL	CHEVY CK Trk/GMC, 81-87
102	404018TL	Chevy Silverado/GMC Blazer, 89-2000
73	404020TL	DODGE Ram 1500, 94-2000
80	404021TL	DODGE Neon, 95-99
22	404022TL	DODGE Dakota, 87-2000
0	404025TL	FORD Ranger, 85-92
148	404030TL	FORD F150, 97-2000
93	404031TL	FORD Ranger, 83-87
57	404032TL	FORD Ranger, 88-2000
17	404033TL	FORD F150/250/350, 81-88
8	404035TL	FORD Explorer, 88-2000
19	404037TL	FORD Mustang 1993-2000 LX 5.0L
42	404040TL	HONDA Accord 1982-85
117	404041TL	HONDA Accord 1986-88, 1pc
43	404042TL	HONDA Accord, 88-87, 4pc
0	404043TL	HONDA Accord 4dr, 88-2000, 2pc
37	404044TL	HONDA Accord, 90-91, 2pc
120	404050TL	HONDA Civic 2DR/4dr, 92-95, 4 Piece
93	404051TL	HONDA Civic 3DR, 82-85, 4pc
178	404052TL	HONDA Civic 2DR, 86-2000, 4pc
28	404053TL	HONDA Civic 3DR, 88-2000, 3pc
41	404054TL	HONDA Civic 4DR, 88-88, 4pc
9	404055TL	HONDA Civic 4Dr, 88-89, 2 pc
9	404057TL	HONDA Civic 3DR, 88-91, 2pc
9	404058TL	HONDA Civic 2DR/3DR, 88-91 (Reflector)
9	404059TL	HONDA Civic 4DR, 88-91 (Reflector)
84	404060TL	MAZDA PU, 88-93 2pc
7	404065TL	MTSUBISHI Mirage, 87-88, 2pc
13	404067TL	MTSUBISHI PU, 87-96 Tail Lens
0	404068TL	Isuzu Pick-Up 1981-87 Clear Tail Lenses 2 Piece
118	404070TL	NISSAN Hardbody 88-87, 2pc
38	404071TL	NISSAN Altima, 83-87,
24	404072TL	NISSAN Sentra, 86-2000, 2pc
31	404073TL	NISSAN Frontier 87-2000, 2pc
43	404074TL	NISSAN Maxima 85-87, 2pc
51	404080TL	TOYOTA PU 84-88, 2pc Tail Lens
17	404081TL	TOYOTA 4 Runner, 86-2000, 2pc Tail Lens
61	404082TL	TOYOTA PU 89-85, 2pc Tail Lens
78	404085TL	TOYOTA Tacoma, 85-2000, 2pc Tail Lens
7	404087TL	TOYOTA Tercel, 85-88, 2pc
3	404088TL	TOYOTA Corolla, 83-87, 2pc
12	404089TL	TOYOTA Camry, 85-87, 2pc



RECALL NOTICE

OIE-012 08

May 1, 2001

Customer

Dear Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

We at Keystone have determined that certain clear tail light assemblies purchased by you, model no(s). _____ do not comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108. The non-compliance concerns a lack of all functions that are included in the original equipment that this assembly is designed to replace.

Keystone will remedy such non-compliance at no charge to you, upon return of any such non-complying assemblies purchased by you. At your election, Keystone will either provide you with a credit of the full purchase price paid by you for each such non-complying assembly that you return, or will refund the full purchase price if a credit is not desired.

If you are the ultimate purchaser of this assembly, you are entitled to submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590, or call the toll free Auto Safety Hotline at (800) 424-9393 (Washington, D.C. area residents may call (202) 366-0123), if you believe that:

- A. Keystone has failed or is unable to remedy this non-compliance without charge; or
- B. Keystone has failed or is unable to remedy the non-compliance without charge within a reasonable time.

Please be assured that you are a valued Keystone customer. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Cordially,

Pat Judge

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On May 17, 2001, Keystone Automotive Operations, Inc. ("Keystone") decided that (a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108) exists in items of motor vehicle equipment listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this report was prepared June 18, 2001

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): _____

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer/brand name/trademark owner of the recalled item of equipment. If the recalled item of equipment is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

TYC Brother Industrial Co., Ltd.

Taipei, Taiwan

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.
Patrick Judge, Executive Vice President

Telephone Number: 570-603-2336 Fax No.: 570-603-2301

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report:

Patrick Judge

Executive Vice President

¹Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. Jon White at (202) 366-5226 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

Signed: 

I. Identify the Recalled Items of Equipment

2. Identify the Items of Equipment Involved in this Recall, for each make and model or applicable item of equipment: product line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the item of equipment), provide:

Generic name of the item: Rear Lamp Assembly

Make: _____ **Model:** See attached "Pilot Tail Lamp Sales"

Part Number: _____ **Size:** _____

Function: replaces OEM rear lamp assembly on specified vehicles

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Make: _____ **Model:** See attached "Toucan Tail Light Lenses"

Part Number: _____ **Size:** _____

Function: replaces OEM rear lamp assembly on specified vehicles

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Make: _____ **Model:** _____

Part Number: _____ **Size:** _____

Function: _____

Model Years Involved: _____

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Make: _____ **Model:** _____

Part Number: _____ **Size:** _____

Function: _____

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996, through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period.

100%

II. Identifying the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of items of equipment recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

See attached "Pilot Tail Lamp Sales" and "Toucan Tail Light Lenses"

Model	Year	Number of Items Potentially Involved

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: _____

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined—in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled items of equipment: _____

Assemblies missing reflex reflectors and/or side markers

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

Assemblies missing required reflex reflectors and/or side markers

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Manufacturer design defect

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

No known consequences

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

None

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

Visual inspection

V. Identify the Remedy

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

Recall product - credit to be provided to customers

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

Unknown

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

Notification to be sent to all purchasers of recalled product upon approval of draft copy of notification that was submitted to Agency for approval

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. *A DRAFT copy of the*

notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (282-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.

Note: These documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements.

The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-579, As Amended: This information is requested pursuant to the authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administration enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

PILOT TAIL LAMP SALES

PART#	DESCRIPTION	SALES 1995	SALES 1996	SALES 2000
PLC582TL	82-83 S-10 TAIL LAMPS	9	121	32
PLC594TL	94-UP S-10 TAIL LAMPS	0	0	0
PLTRKTL	86-88 FULL SIZE CHEVY TAIL LAMP	14	114	22
PLF097TL	97-01 FORD F150/F250 TAIL LAMPS	0	5	1
PLD385TL	98-01 DG RAM TL	0	1	2
PLCVC82TL	82-85 CIVIC 2DR TAIL LAMPS 98-UP	0	0	0
PLC862OTL	96-UP CIVIC 2DR REAR TAIL LAMPS (4PCS)	0	0	2
PLC864OTL	96-UP CIVIC 4DR REAR TAIL LAMPS (4PCS)	0	7	0
PLC864OTL1	96-UP CIVIC 4DR REAR TAIL LAMPS (2PCS) RED & WHITE	15	77	11
PLACD84TL	94-95 ACCORD 2 & 4 DR TAIL LAMPS	0	12	84
PLACD98TL	98-97 ACCORD 2 & 4 DR REAR TAIL LAMPS (4PCS)	2	22	8
PLACD98TL1	98-97 ACCORD 2 & 4 DR REAR TAIL LAMPS (2PCS) RED & WHITE	0	0	0

41 357 160

Total 560

Total = 958

TOUCAN TAIL LIGHT LENSES

PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	PURCHASES
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060420	ALTEZA STYLE ACCORD 2DR/4DR 84-85	124
061620	ALTEZA STYLE ACCORD 2DR/4DR 86-87	8
060520	ALTEZA STYLE ACCORD 2DR 88-00	35
060820	ALTEZA STYLE ACCORD PANEL 88-00	38
060720	ALTEZA STYLE CIVIC CRX 88-91	0
060320	ALTEZA STYLE CIVIC 2DR/4DR 82-85	80
060220	ALTEZA STYLE CIVIC 2DR 86-00	45
061520	ALTEZA STYLE CIVIC 4DR 86-88	8
060820	ALTEZA STYLE CIVIC 3DR 86-00	0
061820	ALTEZA STYLE DEL SOL 93-97	12
061920	ALTEZA STYLE DODGE NEON 95-98	0
060920	ALTEZA STYLE INTEGRA 94-00	48
062220	ALTEZA STYLE ECLIPSE/TALON 95-98	0
061720	ALTEZA STYLE MIRAGE 93-87	6
061820	ALTEZA STYLE MIRAGE 88-00	12
060120	ALTEZA STYLE PRELUDE 92-96	5
061020	ALTEZA STYLE PRELUDE 86-00	0

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RECALL NOTICE

May 1, 2001

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